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WOMEN'S COLUMN.

FROM NEAR AND FAR.

After the formal opening of the ship H.M.S. Naval Comrades at the Rose Fete on Saturday last, the Hon. Sir Walter Davidson and Lady Davidson inspected the vessel, and expressed themselves as being highly delighted with the entire scheme. His Excellency expressed his willingness to be associated with the vessel on Jack's Day, and the officers in charge have therefore made special arrangements for that occasion. His Excellency will be brought alongside the H.M.S. Naval Comrades which will be stationed at Queen's square in a pinnace, and various interesting schemes are being formulated which will lead to the success, commercially and otherwise, of this innovation in money-raising projects.

Mrs. Stanley Lambson and Fleet-Street-Brunard, assisted by a committee, will be in charge of the Imperial Service Club stall, H.M.S. Vanguard, in Moore-street, on Jack's Day. Included in the many attractive articles that are being raffled in connection with the stall are a case of whisky and a tea and coffee service, the gift of Mr. Aaronson.

Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co. have arranged two competitions in connection with their stall on Jack's Day, and the only condition attached to the entry is that the article submitted becomes the property of the stall. A prize of one guinea is offered for the best cotton frock to fit a child of about 6 years, and the second is a prize of one guinea for the best camisole. All articles should be sent to Mrs. E. G. Green, care Gibbs, Bright, and Co., 51 Pitt-street, city, before October 30.

The Wattle Blossom Girls' Club will give a concert in Brett's Hall, Kogarah, in aid of Jack's Day on October 26, at 8 p.m. Mrs. and Miss Collins, Miss Edna Sanders, and Miss Doreen Douglas, together with other leading artists, have promised to assist.

Mrs. Alexander Gordon will conduct a flower stall in the vestibule at Puller's, George-street, on Jack's Day, and will be grateful for all gifts of flowers to help on that occasion. The stall is affiliated to that being conducted by the 19th Battalion Comforts Fund committee, but, as past experience has proved that the blooms wither very quickly in the street, Mrs. Gordon has adopted the wise plan of keeping the stall under cover. The main stall of the 19th Battalion will be in Martello-place.

The corner of Pitt and Moore streets is the site allotted to the stall to be conducted by the Friendly Union of Tailors' Wives on Jack's Day. Mrs. Glossop will be in charge, and the public is requested to inspect the many useful and attractive articles that will be for sale on the day.

The stall conducted by Miss F. Holland, at the corner of Pitt and Moore streets, on Soldiers' Dependents' Day realised £78. Miss Holland was assisted by a strong band of workers, which included Miss Everett, Mrs. Bird, and Mrs. H. Wiley. This little company will again give their services on Jack's Day, and their ship, the H.M.S. Forester, will be stationed at Smart's Hotel, near Farmer and Co.

A gift evening will be held at the Methodist Nurses' College, corner of Queen and Nelson streets, Woolahara, on October 25, at 8 o'clock, by the kind permission of the matron, Miss C. Davis, to help stock stall 211, H.M.S. Linnet. Mrs. M. Johnston, lady divisional superintendent Paddington and Woolahara St. John Ambulance V.A.D., will be glad to receive gifts of any kind.

The spring flower show in aid of the Lane Cove cot in the Royal North Shore Hospital will be opened by the Mayors of Lane Cove, Mrs. J. Lloyd Jones, on Saturday next in the Town Hall, Cove Hill.

The amount realised at the Flying Corps stall on Dependents' Day was £77/15. The stand will be in the same position in Moore-street on Jack's Day, and contributions towards stocking the stall will be gratefully received at the depot, 52A Westworth-avenue, or at the stall on Jack's Day. There will be home-made cakes, jam, fruit, sweets, etc., for sale, and a flower stand and lucky dip. At a general meeting held at the depot on October 15 the half-yearly report showed that the following comforts had been despatched:—121 socks, 547 shirts, 162 shorts, 26 overalls, 250 lb of tobacco, 56,000 cigarettes, 29 cases foodstuffs, including butter, cheese, fruit, cocoa and milk, and sweets. 1228 Christmas boxes, and two cases nappies have been sent as well as £40 in drafts for the purchase of extra comforts for the airmen.

The Northern Suburbs' Knitting Circle are raffling a model yacht for Jack's Day at their stall, 160 Moore-street. Tickets may be had at the depot, 15 Bridge-street, or at Ravenscroft, Miller-street, North Sydney, where the yacht is on view.

LEAVING SCHOOL AT 14.

Somewhat frequently of late attention has been drawn to the fact that boys and girls who gain entrance to the High schools are compelled to leave before the completion of the school course, and before even the intermediate test which comes at the end of two or three years. In these days the privileges of education are bountifully offered to the children of the land, and each district has its High school well-staffed and organised, and the personal needs of every child are catered for. Study is liberally sanctioned with sport and amusement. The earnest student will always find his or her place at the thousands of bright boys and girls who make entrance to the High schools only a minor proportion are serious real students. And then there is the other side, that presented by the parents. In the old days education was difficult to obtain, but the cost of living was low, and often a little home in suburb or country furnished supplies from its plot of ground. To-day the plot of ground is rare, and the child is clothed and food is considerable.

Education is free, but extra expenses make a regular levy on the small salaries earned. As the High school course extends in its full period for five years, the average boy or girl must reach 18 years of age when he or she enters the University. So one can understand the point of view of the parent who writes to the "Herald" and said that with six children and a weekly wage of £2/15, she found it impossible for her son to attend the High school, that he must leave at 14 and augment the family income.

Parents often overlook the fact that the High schools are purely preparation ground for the University and the professional courses, and that if the school course may only last two years instead of five, it is much more definite and satisfactory to take the higher course given at the superior public schools. These provide trade and business courses for boys, domestic science courses for girls, and splendid in the latter opportunity that one might wish that all girls should take it, even in addition to High school work, either before or after the former. The chance of study would be beneficial, and the practical advantages would react on national homelife, for with the death of domestic help it is necessary that each girl and woman should be independent and self-reliant. It need be on the skill of her own hands and brain. One sympathises with the mother who wrote of her difficulties, and the splendid gifts of education are worth a real sacrifice. Boys and girls whose parents realise the value of these gifts should equally realise their responsibilities, and consider a return for sacrifices a sacred duty. But even if a boy cannot take the commercial or trade course till 15 or 16 years, there is no reason why his education should come to a dead end at 14 years.

Have we forgotten our evening continuation schools? These too offer trade and commercial courses. Diligent application and study will bring a boy from these late lines with the technical college, and evening classes at the University. The whole point lately emphasised has been that the sons of our boys and girls between 14 and 18 years must be better employed. There must be more education for an aim or purpose. For the years of the teens are the pivotal years in making of citizens. Unless those years are more definitely guided, the boy or girl wakes up at 21 years to find himself or herself an adult citizen with no special skilled life of service, and by lack of definite training inadequately fitted for the responsibilities of life.

RED CROSS MEETING.

At a meeting of the Red Cross Society, held in Primrose-buildings yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Len Robert gave an interesting address on her experiences as a war-worker in various capacities in England. At the beginning of the war Mrs. Len Robert and her husband were equipped a hospital in Essex, and at later dates was engaged in doing work, and in that connection with the Belgian refugees, who at that time were simply flocking into England. After many varied experiences she was appointed supervisor of one of the big munition factories, where about 4000 girls were employed, and she occupied this position up to the time she left England. Mrs. Len Robert has many interesting stories to tell of the bravery of the munition workers during the air raids.

CONGESTED SCHOOL.

Representations were made to the Minister for Education yesterday by residents of Five Dock respecting necessary additions to the local public school. It was pointed out that the building was originally designed to accommodate 200 pupils, and now houses 300, the additions in the interval having been quite inadequate. Mr. James received the deputation sympathetically, and promised to make a personal inspection of the school.

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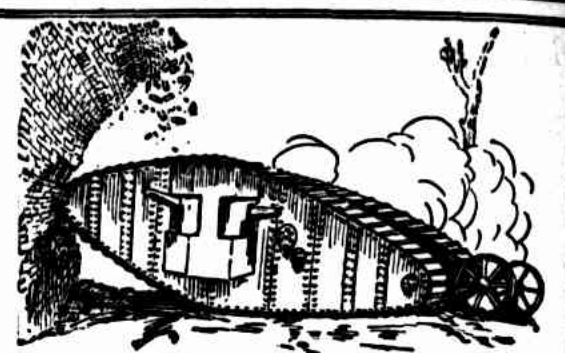
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